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TITLE: System for buying and selling legal services via a network which provides a request from a user to a selected group of firms and provides their replies to a buyer terminal

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BASIC-ABSTRACT:

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NOVELTY - An authorized buyer engages in transactions using a forum to create a request for proposal (RFP), step 105, a data selling system notifies selected sellers of the RFP, step 110, a mechanism can be provided through which potential sellers can communicate with the buyer, step 115 and interested sellers submit bids to the buyer via the system, step 120. The buyer is notified of bids, step 125, a mechanism is provided so that the buyer can communicate directly with each seller and the buyer is notified of a selected seller, step 135, before the other sellers are notified, step 140.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - INDEPENDENT CLAIMS are included for a computer implemented method and system for procuring legal services and for a system for matching sellers to buyers.

USE - Buying and selling legal services via a network.

ADVANTAGE - Increasing control of buyers in the buy-sell process.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The drawing is a flow chart of the process.

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EQUIVALENT-ABSTRACTS:

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